House Resolution No. 299

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lawrence, treasured residents of Lockwood, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on December 21, 2001, with a festive celebration hosted by their children at the Full Gospel Tabernacle Fellowship Hall in Lamar; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord in 1936, Joe and Loreta Lawrence began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony; and

Whereas, since pledging themselves to each other in marriage, Joe and Loreta Lawrence have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, Joe and Loreta Lawrence's undying love for one another has blossomed into a rare happiness that few couples could ever hope to find; and

Whereas, Joe and Loreta Lawrence attribute their sixty-five years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their children, Wanda and Donald Rodney of Liberal, Doyle and Shirley Lawrence of Lamar, Gail and Mary Lawrence of Jerico Springs, and Linda and John McArthur of Lockwood; and

Whereas, with the words of the Lord to guide their way, Joe and Loreta Lawrence have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Joe and Loreta Lawrence upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they proudly begin their sixty-sixth year of wedded success and happiness; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lawrence, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by
Representative Ronnie Miller
District No. 133
I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 299, adopted February 13, 2002.

 $\verb|\LR1\SYS\HLR\HRES\PDF\0350C.01.PDF|$